

Integrating the Scientific Community with a Measurement Based, Multi-Sensor Data Processing and Distribution System

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NASA Ocean Biology Processing Group

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A Component of NASA's Missions-to-Measurements Initiative

- Heritage: SeaWiFS, SIMBIOS, SeaBASS, SeaDAS
- Designated NASA team responsible for the processing and distribution of ocean color measurements and SST from various spaceborne instruments.

Ocean Color: CZCS, OCTS, SeaWiFS, MODIS/Aqua

SST: MODIS/Aqua, MODIS/Terra

- Product Evaluation & Test Element (PEATE) for OC and SST, and Science Team Lead for OC on NPP/VIIRS.
- Designated as the software development, processing, and distribution element for Sea Surface Salinity measurements from Aquarius.

NASA's Goal

To make available the highest quality ocean data products to the broadest user community in the most timely and efficient manner possible, and to provide sufficient documentation and support to facilitate the use of that data for global and regional studies.

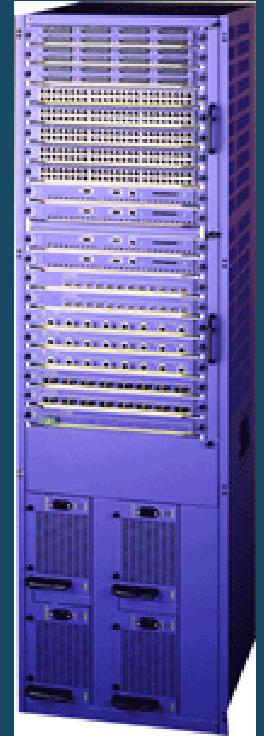
Approach

- highly integrated project structure with all elements co-located
- flexible, mission-independent data processing system that constantly upgrades procedures, technologies, and hardware
- comprehensive, centralized calibration and validation program closely coupled to the data processing and quality control system
- multi-mission software development
 - common code for MODIS, SeaWiFS, OCTS, CZCS, future sensors
 - common Level-2 & Level-3 formats
- a project philosophy designed to support and involve as large a community as possible
 - providing opportunities for user input, evaluation, and feedback

Data Processing and Storage

gigabit ethernet

- database controlled, distributed processing and storage system
- many Linux-based, processing nodes (34 dual 3GHz Xeon)
- 200X processing for MODIS/Aqua ocean color
- 4000X processing through-put for SeaWiFS ocean color
- 9-month OCTS mission can be reprocessed over lunch
- all data online for direct access (100TB RAID-5 array)
- capacity for global mission testing prior to reprocessing, allowing opportunity for community participation in reprocessing decisions
- direct and near real-time user access to data archives



processing node



storage node



database server



Current Level-1 & Level-2 Data Latency

Minimizing Time Between Observation and Data Availability

- MODIS/Aqua Level-1 & Level-2 Ocean Color & SST
 - Quicklook, average latency 4 hours, 52 minutes
 - Refined, available within 2-8 days
- MODIS/Terra Level-1
 - Quicklook, average latency 4 hours, 38 minutes
- SeaWiFS Level-1 & Level-2 Ocean Color
 - Quicklook, 1-13 hours (2 downlinks per day)
 - Refined, available within 4 days
- Latency minimization facilitates near real-time applications
 - coastal monitoring (HAB detection), GHRSST, cruise support

Most Data Available By FTP

Simplifying Data Access

- All Level-3 data available
 - bin & map files
 - daily, 8-day, monthly
 - seasonals & climatologies
- Rolling archives of Level-1 & 2
 - quicklook
 - refined
 - 30-days
- All ancillary files
 - meteorological data
 - ozone data
 - attitude & ephemerides

MODIS Aqua

Binned	Mapped	Level 1, GEO, & Level 2
Level 3 Binned Standard Product Suite	Level 3 Mapped Standard Product Suite	Quicklook Daytime
Binned Daily	Mapped Daily	Refined Daytime
Binned Daily / 8Day Quicklook	Mapped Daily / 8Day Quicklook	
Binned 8Day	Mapped 8Day	
Binned Monthly	Mapped Monthly	
Binned Monthly Climatology	Mapped Monthly Climatology	
Binned Seasonal	Mapped Seasonal	
Binned Seasonal Climatology	Mapped Seasonal Climatology	
Binned Annual	Mapped Annual	

SeaWiFS Level 3

Binned	Mapped
Level 3 Binned Standard Product Suite and PAR	Level 3 Mapped Standard Product Suite and PAR
Binned Daily	Mapped Daily
Binned 8 Day	Mapped 8 Day
Binned Monthly	Mapped Monthly
Binned Monthly Climatology	Mapped Monthly Climatology
Binned Seasonal	Mapped Seasonal
Binned Annual	Mapped Annual

Ancillary Products

[MFTOZ](#) : NCEP Meteorological (MFT) and TOMS/TOAST Ozone (OZ) ancillary data used for L1 L2 processing (updated every 4 hours)

[OISST](#) : NOAA Optimum Interpolation (OI) Sea Surface Temperature. These files are used as input for the L1 L2 SST processing

[MODISA/ATTEPH](#): MODIS Aqua definitive attitude and ephemeris data

[MODISA/CAL](#): Updated MODIS Aqua Level 1B LUTs (Look-up tables) and Geolocation files

[MODIST/CAL](#): Updated MODIS Terra Level 1B LUTs and Geolocation files

[utcpole.dat](#): Most recent version of the Earth motion file used in Level 1 processing.

[leapsec.dat](#): Most recent version of the Leap seconds file - required for accurate time conversions in Level 1 processing.

[SeaWiFS GPS elements \(elements.dat\)](#)

Global 1 Kilometer Land Mask ([landmask.dat](#)) Documentation

Level-3 Multi-Sensor Browse & Distribution

Level-3 Standard Mapped Images

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[View the color scales.](#) [Browse the rolling 32-day composites.](#) [Browse the "filled-in" version of the rolling 32-day biosphere composites.](#) [Browse the seasonal, monthly, and 8-day climatologies.](#)

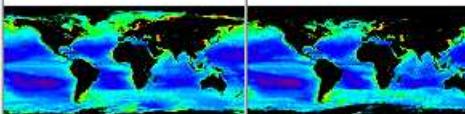
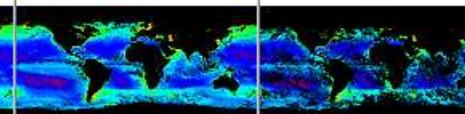
Aqua-MODIS	Chlorophyll	Diffuse attenuation	nLw at 551 nm	Aerosol optical thickness	Angstrom coefficient	SST
SeaWiFS	Chlorophyll	Diffuse attenuation	nLw at 555 nm	Aerosol optical thickness	Angstrom coefficient	
	Biosphere	PAR	NDVI	Land Reflectance		
OCTS	Chlorophyll	Diffuse attenuation	nLw at 565 nm	Aerosol optical thickness	Angstrom coefficient	
CZCS	Chlorophyll		nLw at 550 nm	Aerosol optical thickness	Angstrom coefficient	
Evaluation Products	Calcite	Fluorescence Line Height				

Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	May 2003	Jun 2003	Jul 2002	Aug 2002	Sep 2002	Oct 2002	Nov 2002	Dec 2002
Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	May 2004	Jun 2004	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Dec 2003
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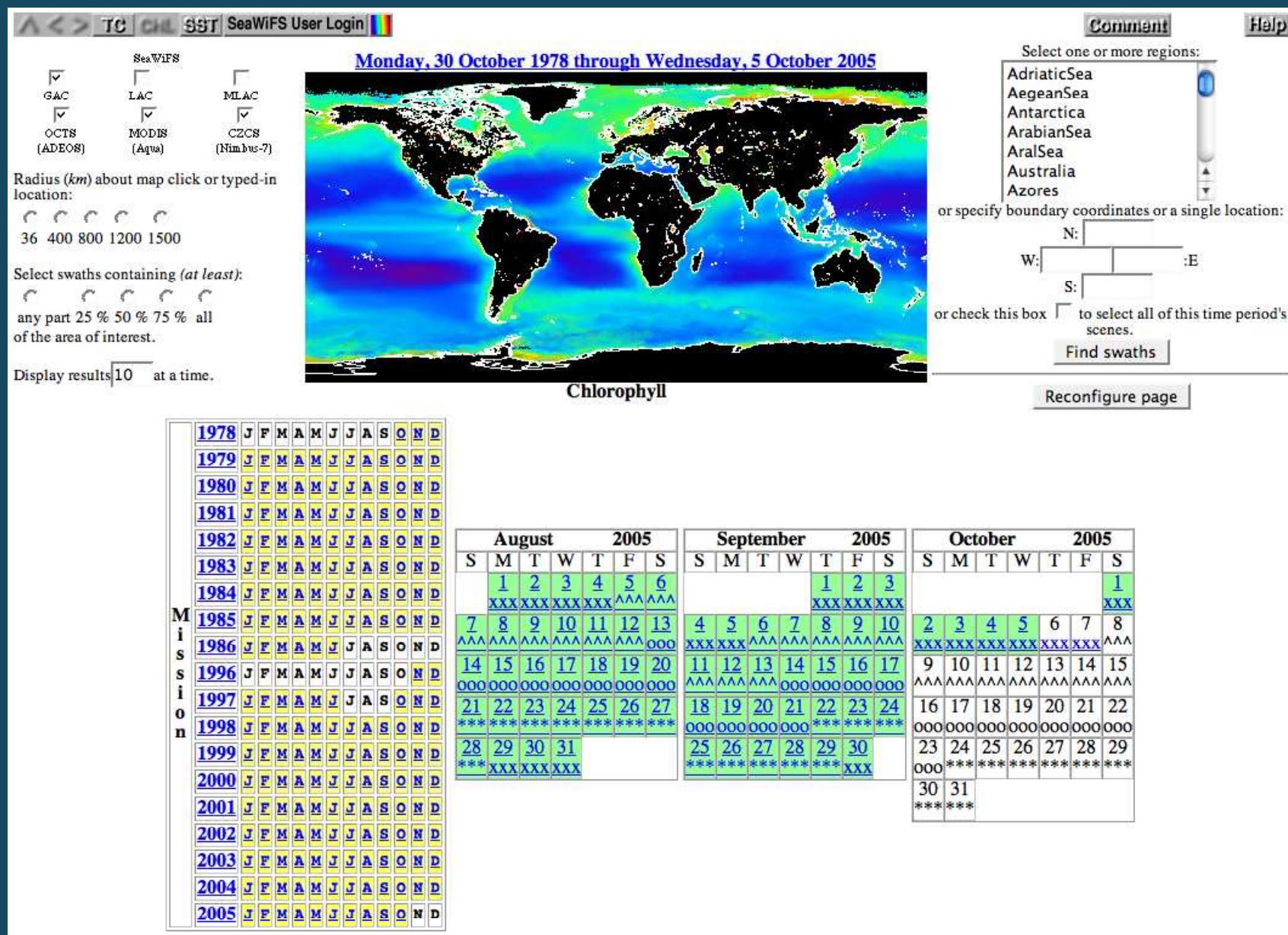
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Chlorophyll (Aqua-MODIS)

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Yearly	Seasonal	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
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Level-1 & 2 Multi-Sensor Browse & Distribution



Single File Browse and Download

Λ < > ← → TO CHL SST

[Comment](#) [Help](#)

[A2004038191500.L1A_LAC](#) 50,998,234 bytes
[A2004038191500.L2_LAC](#) 20,472,527 bytes

(The above hyperlinks point to [bzip2-compressed HDF files](#). Documentation on these prototype products can be found [HERE](#).)

Chlorophyll **Sea Surface Temperature**

Saturday, 7 February 2004
2004038

Search Criteria
Time Period: Saturday, 7 February 2004
Sensors: MODIS(Aqua)
Area of Interest: Within 36 km of 16.5N,90.4W
Percentage of AOI that swaths must include: Any part

Number of swaths: 1 swath found

OceanColor WEB

Multiple File Browse and Order

users can order one file or the entire multi-mission data set

TC GL SST SeaWiFS User Login

Display 10 at a time.

ORDER DATA Comment Help

pS2004060182255.L2_MLAC	pS2004059174213.L2_MLAC	pA2004057181500.L2_LAC
pS2004060164427.L2_MLAC	pA2004058172000.L2_LAC	
29Feb2004	28Feb2004	27Feb2004
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26Feb2004		
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Search Criteria
Time Period: February 2004
Sensors: SeaWiFS and MODIS(Aqua)
Sea WiFS Data Types: MLAC
Area of Interest: Within 36 km of 43.2N,70.0W

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



Regional and Product Subsetting of Order

users only download what they need

Enter your email address.

In order to reduce the volume of data that you have to deal with, we can extract the geographical area indicated at right from the swaths you ordered before we place the data in our download area. (This extraction currently only applies to SeaWiFS files and MODIS level-2 files.)

Please choose one of the following options.
 Do Do not extract my order for me.

You may adjust the extraction region by altering the coordinates at right.

The default coordinates are the ones which circumscribe the area or areas of interest that you used to do your search. If you started your search by just clicking on the world map without specifying a larger search radius, then you may want to increase the size of your extract region since the default search radius is 36 kilometers.

All four coordinates are expected to be in decimal degrees. Degrees north of the equator and east of the Greenwich meridian should be positive, and degrees south of the equator and west of the Greenwich meridian should be negative.

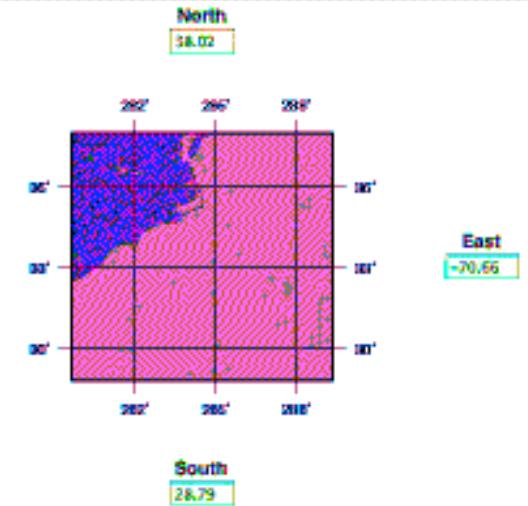
SeaWiFS extracts are processable with SeaDAS.

Pick which data products you want for your selected scenes.

Level 1
If you plan to process Level 1 files only (SeaWiFS), then you will also need the following:
 Meteorology & Ozone
 Attitude & Ephemeris (product only)

Level 2
You may select to receive only the following selected level 2 products if you wish. If you select none of these and simply check "Level 2" above, then you will receive all of the available level 2 products for a given sensor.
 chlorophyll
 K490
 normalized water-leaving radiances
 aerosol products
 sea surface temperature (MODIS only)

Remind me when my order is about to expire.
 Require my email confirmation for every file download.
 Notify me when my data have been deleted from the staging area.



Data Subscription Service

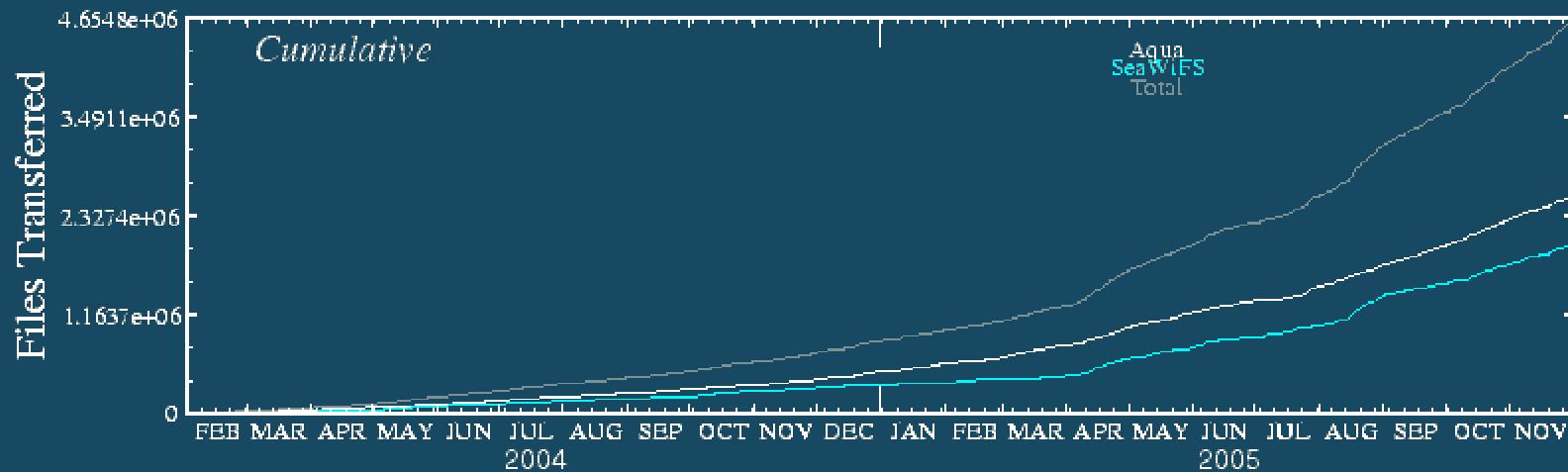
users can fully automated future data acquisition

North	South	West	East
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Start Date	03	Dec	2005
End Date	None	None	None
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aqua <input type="checkbox"/> Terra (Level 1 only) <input type="checkbox"/> SeaWiFS			
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Ancillary Data <input type="checkbox"/> Attitude/Ephemeris			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wait for Refined Processing		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Daytime Granules <input checked="" type="radio"/> Nighttime/Mixed Granules	
<input type="button" value="Submit New Request"/>		<input type="button" value="Help"/>	<input type="button" value="Clear"/>

- specify region of interest
- specify type of data (Level-1, Level-2, Quicklook or Refined, Day/Night)
- files automatically staged for ftp transfer

Files Distributed to Users

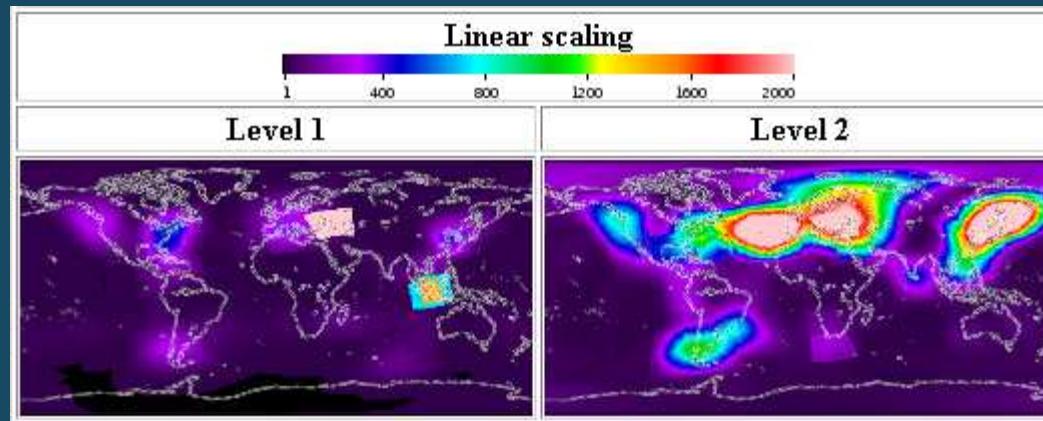
4.6 Million Since February 2004



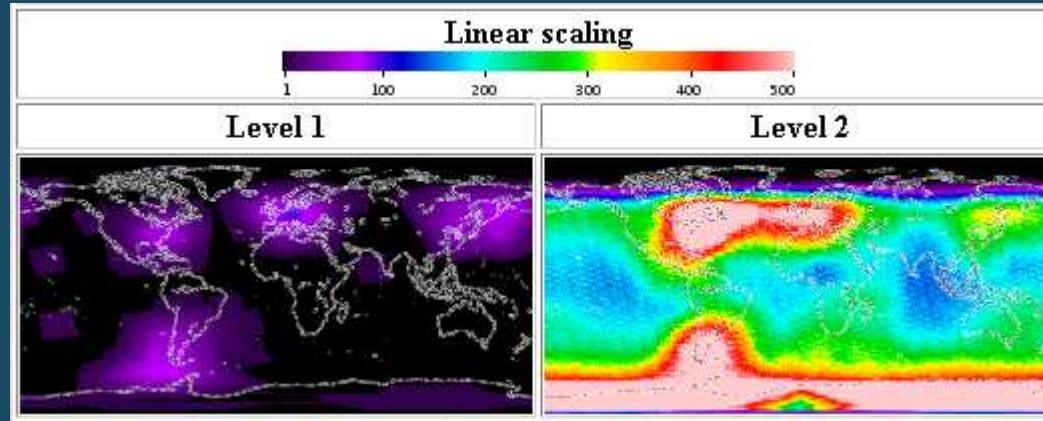
Source	L1	L2	L3	Ancillary	Totals
SeaWiFS	HTTP REQ REC ARC Files: 2494 297058 0 2611 GB: 71.7 3636.3 0 14.5	HTTP REQ REC ARC Files: 3842 525249 0 1590 GB: 68.7 2151.2 0 23.2	HTTP REQ REC ARC Files: 9165 0 0 625455 GB: 14.8 0 0 3295.2	ARC Files: 535783 GB: 557.07	SeaWiFS Files: 2003247 GB: 9832.67
Aqua	HTTP REQ REC ARC Files: 15576 54249 18308 21036 GB: 303.8 2443.9 559.6 204.7	HTTP REQ REC ARC Files: 42787 304417 455401 10209 GB: 286 2026.8 3116.9 83.7	HTTP REQ REC ARC Files: 21841 0 0 321904 GB: 35.2 0 0 1792	ARC Files: 1302814 GB: 3879.48	Aqua Files: 2568542 GB: 14732.08
TOTALS	Files: 411332 GB: 7234.5	Files: 1343495 GB: 7756.5	Files: 978365 GB: 5137.2	Files: 1838597 GB: 4436.55	Files: 4571789 GB: 24564.75

Geographical Distribution of File Downloads

Web Browser Downloads



FTP Downloads



European and Asian researchers prefer web access,
while American and Southern Ocean folks prefer ftp.

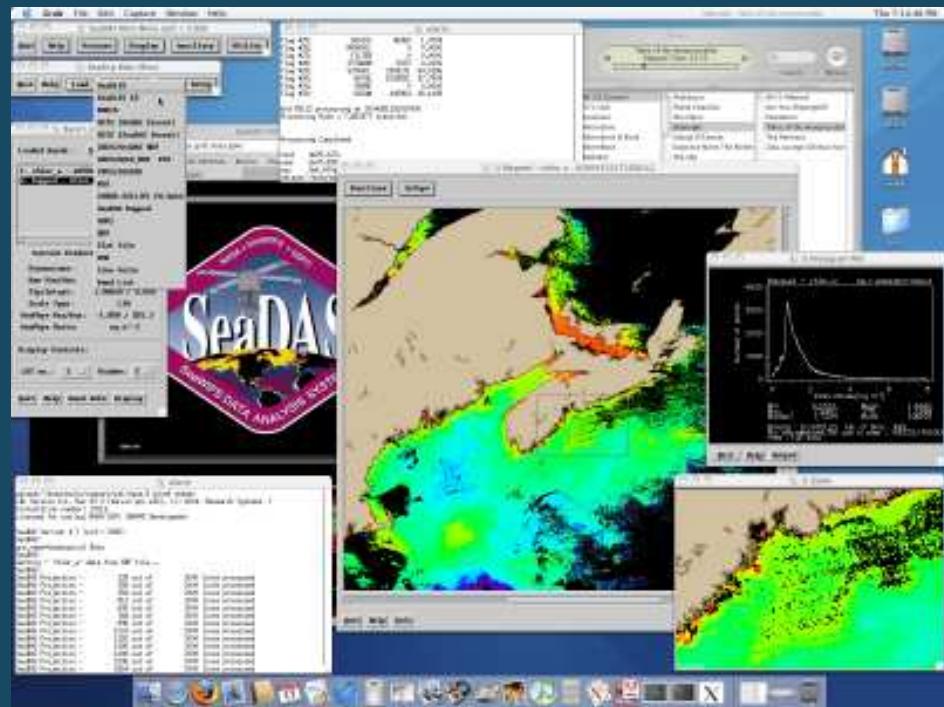
SeaDAS

providing the user with the required tools
expanding the standard product suite

- software to display and analyze all products produced by the OBPG
- software AND source code to process from Level-0 through Level-3
- allows users to do local reprocessing (reproduce standard products)
- provides for user-specific product suites

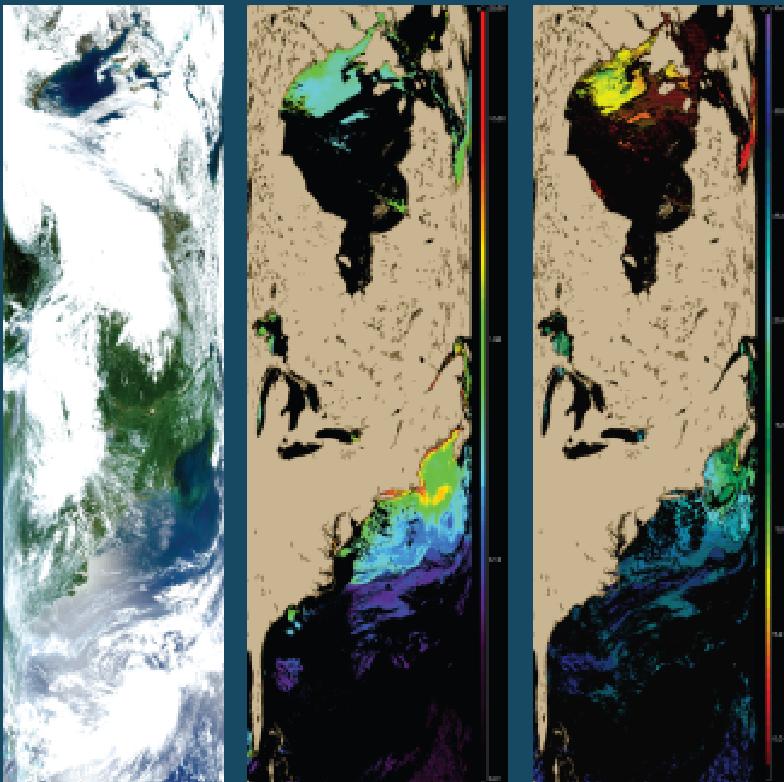
Some Product Algorithms in SeaDAS

- **water-leaving radiances**
- **remote sensing reflectance**
- **SST (thermal and short-wave IR)**
- **chlorophyll (8 algorithms)**
- **diffuse attenuation of sea water**
- **IOP (GSM01, Carder, QAA):**
- **particulate organic carbon**
- **total suspended matter**
- **calcite concentration**
- **fluorescence line height**
- **PAR, IPAR**
- **aerosol products (AOT, Angstrom)**
- **intermediate products (Lr, La, etc.)**



Direct Broadcast Support

facilitating real-time product generation

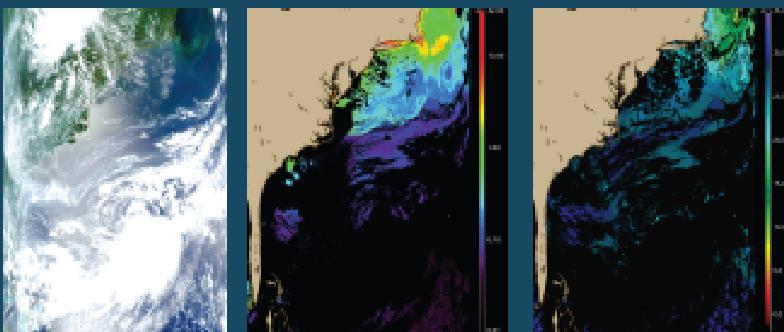


True Color

Chlorophyll

SST

12 minute MODIS pass from
University of Wisconsin DB
Station, processed from Level-0
through Level-2 with SeaDAS



Standard 5-minute MODIS
granule processed from Level-0
to Level-2 by OBPG

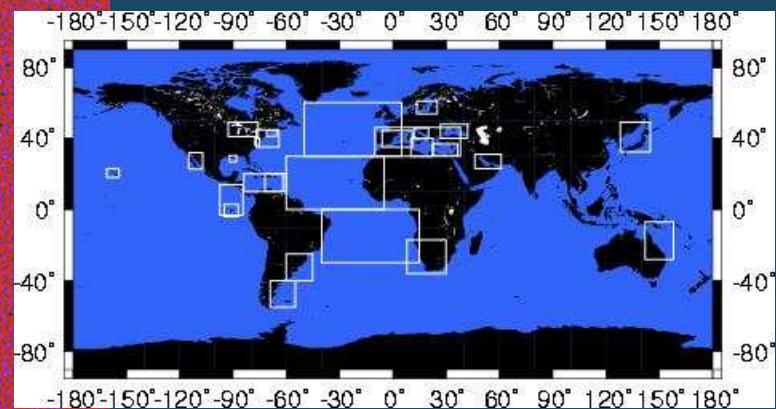
Near Real-Time Mapped Image Support

supporting field campaigns for collection of validation data

The screenshot shows the OceanColor Services website with a search interface for near real-time mapped images. The search form includes fields for 'Selected Region' (set to MODIS), 'Selected Products' (set to MODIS), 'Start Date' (set to 2005-05-25), 'Stop Date' (set to 2005-05-26), 'Latitude' (set to 30), 'Longitude' (set to -100), and 'Search'. Below the search form, there are two columns of checkboxes for selecting different products and regions. The left column includes: Selected MODIS products (checkboxes for All MODIS products, SSMIS, and SeaWiFS), Selected MODIS regions (checkboxes for All MODIS regions, Global, and Regional), Selected MODIS products (checkboxes for All MODIS products, SSMIS, and SeaWiFS), Selected MODIS regions (checkboxes for All MODIS regions, Global, and Regional). The right column includes: Selected MODIS products (checkboxes for All MODIS products, SSMIS, and SeaWiFS), Selected MODIS regions (checkboxes for All MODIS regions, Global, and Regional), Selected MODIS products (checkboxes for All MODIS products, SSMIS, and SeaWiFS), Selected MODIS regions (checkboxes for All MODIS regions, Global, and Regional). At the bottom of the page, there is a note about the Ocean Color FTP Server (mentioning RARP distribution) and links to 'Contact Us', 'Feedback', 'Security, Policy, and Accessibility Policy', and 'Custom Data Requests System'.

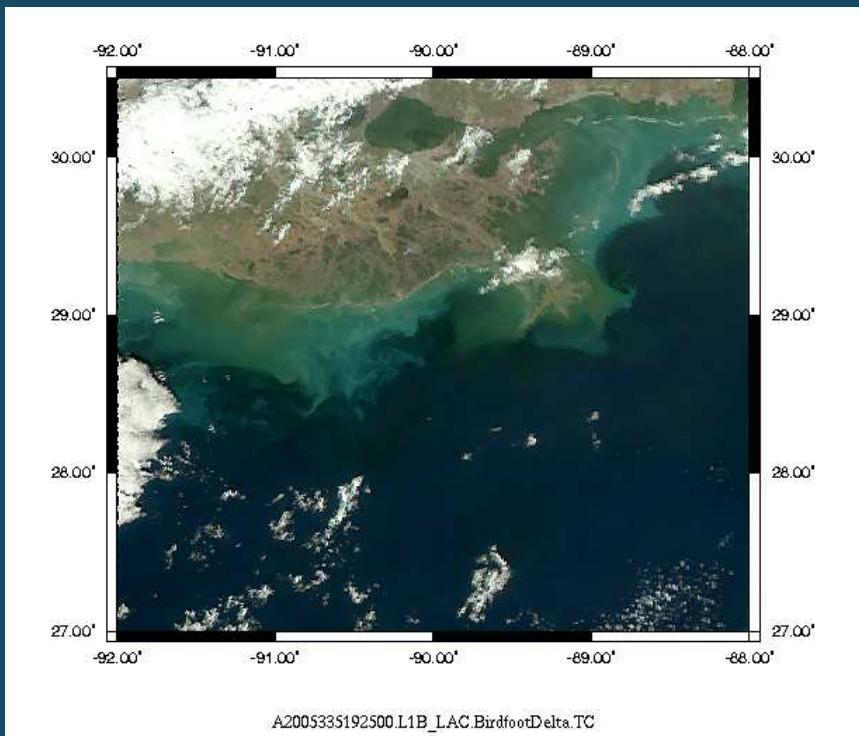
- select region
- select products
- select map characteristics
- receive daily images
- email or ftp

current subscriptions for image support

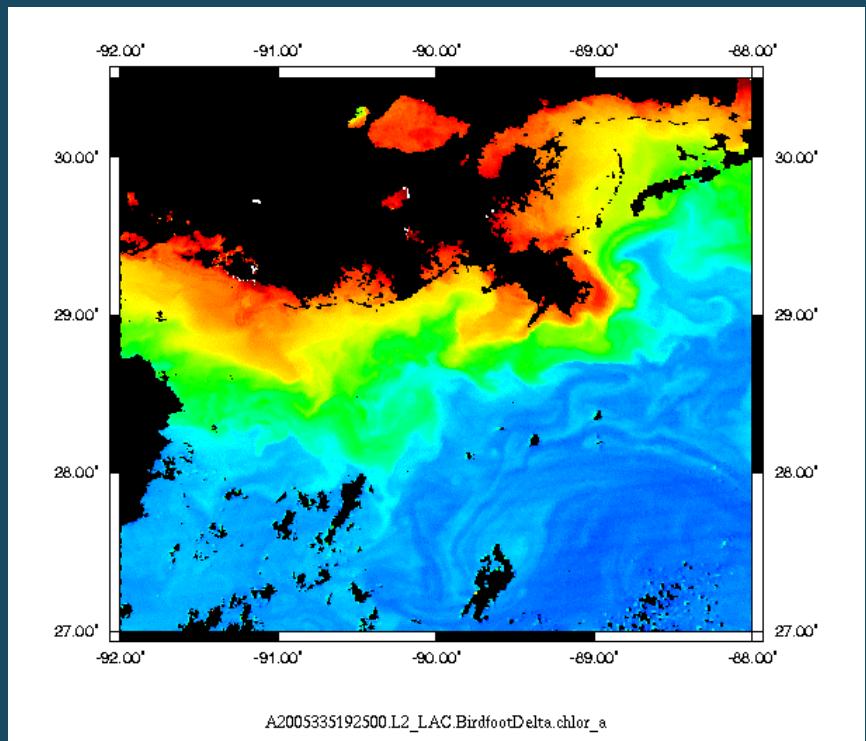


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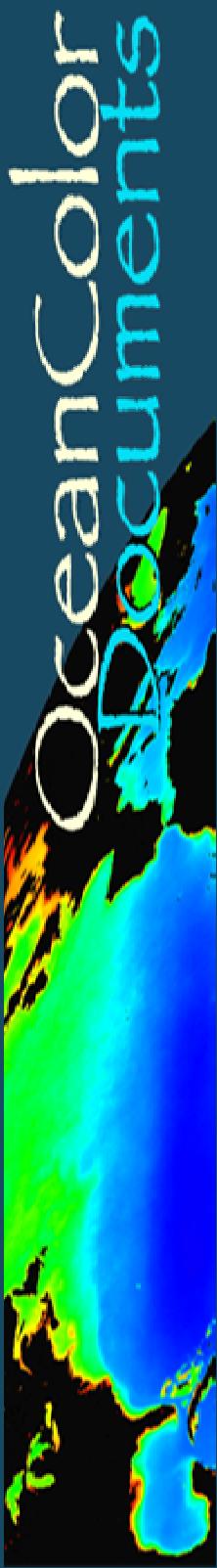
True Color



Chlorophyll-a



Option to receive corresponding
Level-1 and Level-2 HDF files,
extracted to the region



Ocean Color Data Reprocessing

As algorithms mature, reprocessing of the data set is required to improve the archived products. Additionally, it occasionally becomes necessary to redefine the archive product suite as more useful data products are recommended to the Project. To address these issues, periodic represessings are planned by the Project. The Ocean Color Data Processing staff continues to work diligently to address those problems that remain in the data products. Further details on current and past reprocessing efforts are available below.

SeaWiFS

Reprocessing 5.1 - Completed July 5, 2005

Reprocessing 5 - Completed March 18, 2005

Reprocessing 4.1 - Completed May 24, 2004

Reprocessing 4 - Completed July 25, 2002

Reprocessing 3 - Completed May 24, 2000

Reprocessing 2 - August, 1998

Reprocessing 1 - January, 1998

Calibration Update - April 10, 2001

Calibration Update - December 1, 2000

Aqua

Reprocessing 1.1 - Completed August 4, 2005

Reprocessing 1 - Completed February 2005

Initial Processing by ODPS - Completed May 24, 2004



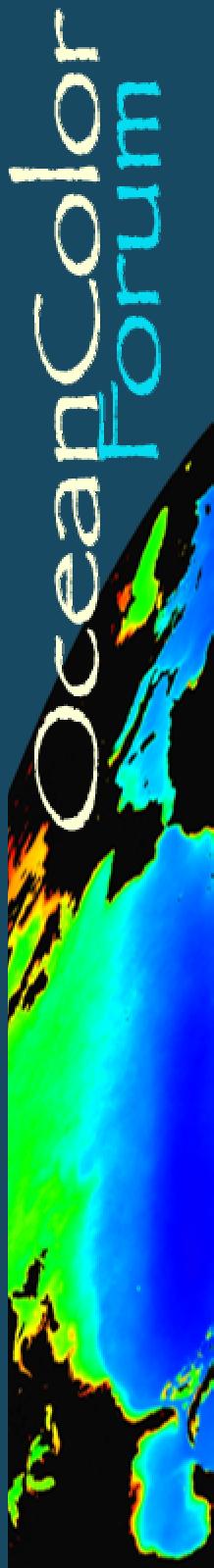
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Authorized by: gene carl fieldman

Updated: 10 August 2005

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OceanColor Forum



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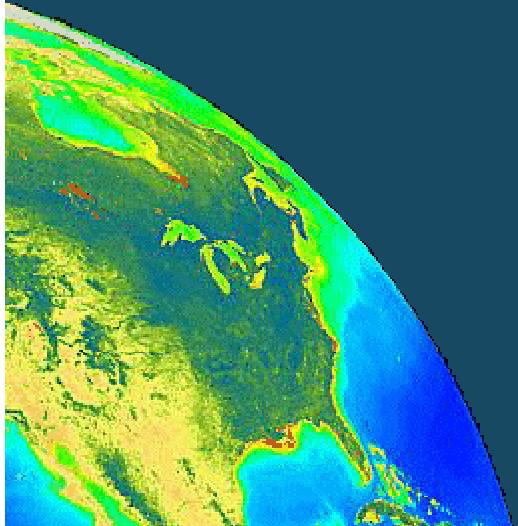
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Ocean Color	42	2005-08-19 09:38
OceanColor Announcement		
Algorithms and Products		
Frequently Asked Questions	23	2005-10-25 14:24
Satellite Data Products & Algorithms	563 (2 new)	2005-12-02 16:27
Satellite Data ACCESS	445 (1 new)	2005-12-02 16:43
Field Data	14	2005-09-12 14:27
Mission Events	2	2004-04-23 12:17
SeaDAS		
SeaDAS: Known Problems and Fixes	5	2005-11-01 16:25
SeaDAS: General Questions	1217 (8 new)	2005-12-03 13:14
MODIS Direct Broadcast Support	20	2005-11-18 18:50

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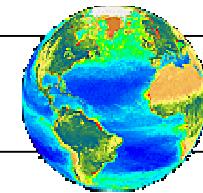
<http://oceancolor.gsfc.nasa.gov/>



Notes

The Ocean Color Web <http://oceancolor.gsfc.nasa.gov> was developed and is maintained by the Ocean Biology Processing Group (OBPG) at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center as a means for disseminating information and data in support of NASA's Ocean Color program. The OBPG is responsible for the processing, validation, and distribution of Ocean Color and SST data from MODIS, and Ocean Color data from SeaWiFS, OCTS, and CZCS. The Ocean Color web is the public interface to a fully automated data system for acquisition, processing, analysis, and distribution of data from these spaceborne sensors. Key features include web and ftp-based data access, timely availability of data products, data subscription services, parameter and regional subsetting, image support for field campaigns, extensive documentation, and user support forums. This paper presents an overview of the valuable Ocean Color Web resources that allow the scientific community to browse, download, and analyze Ocean Color and SST data from multiple satellites.

Ocean Biology Data Processing System - Processing Node

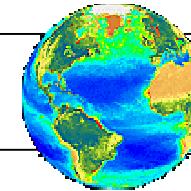


Supermicro 6024 rack mount server

- 2 Intel Xeon CPUs 3.06 Ghz**
- 8 1 GB DDR2 RAM modules**
- 2 Intel Gigabit Ethernet network interfaces**
- 1 Seagate 80 GB EIDE disk (system)**
- 5 Maxtor 73.4 GB Atlas 10K IV Ultra320 SCSI disks (processing)**
- 1 CD-ROM (low profile)**
- 1 Supermicro X5DP8-G2 motherboard with built-in Ultra320 SCSI controller**
- 1 Supermicro 6024H 2U rack mount server case with dual power supplies**

Operating system: Linux

Ocean Biology Data Processing System - Storage Node

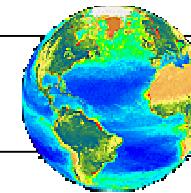


NAS 1.2 TB rack mount server

- 1 Intel Pentium-4 CPU 3.06 Ghz**
- 2 512 MB DDR2 RAM modules**
- 1 Gigabit Ethernet network interface**
- 1 Seagate 80 GB EIDE disk (system)**
- 8 Maxtor 250 GB MaxLine Plus II EIDE disks (RAID 5, 6 data + 2 hot spares)**
- 1 CD-ROM (low profile)**
- 1 Asus P4C800-E Motherboard**
- 1 3ware Escalade RAID controller for 8 drives**
- 1 Comix Computer RM-3U9SCA (IDE) ATX rackmount chassis 3 U, 9 hot swappable drive bays**

Operating system: Linux

Ocean Biology Data Processing System - Large Server



SunFire V880 rack mounted

4-8 UltraSPARC-III+ processors

8-16 GB RAM

6-12 73 GB 10K RPM FibreChannel disks

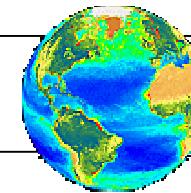
2 Gigabit Ethernet network interfaces

1-5 Fast Ethernet network interfaces

1 External FibreChannel adapter

Operating system: Solaris

Ocean Biology Data Processing System - Network Switch



Extreme Networks Black Diamond 6816

**768 Gbps total switching capacity
Route/filter/forward 192 million pps**

160 GigE ports in current configuration

All modules are hot swappable

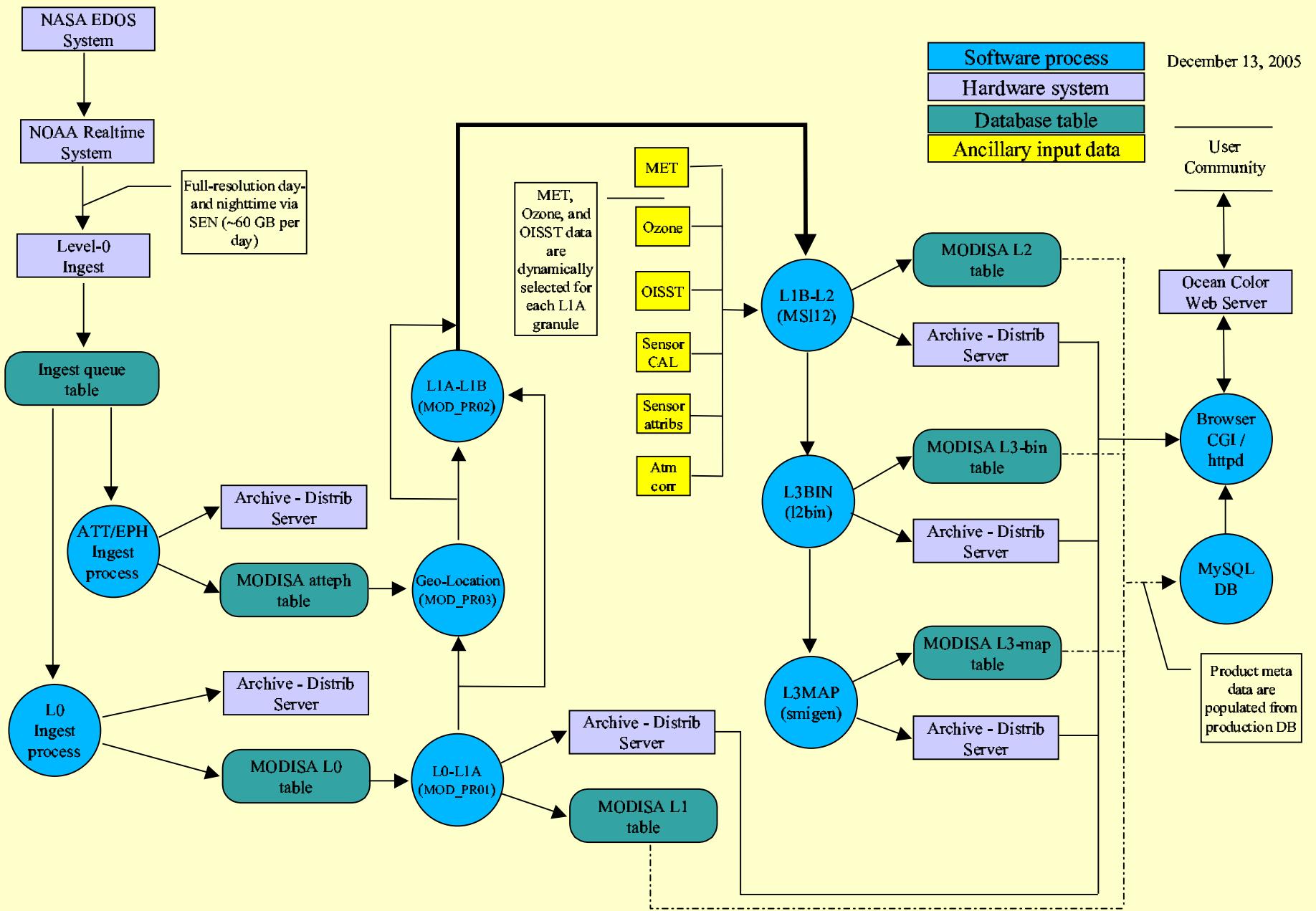
4 MSM management modules

2 G8Ti 8 port Gigabit Ethernet modules

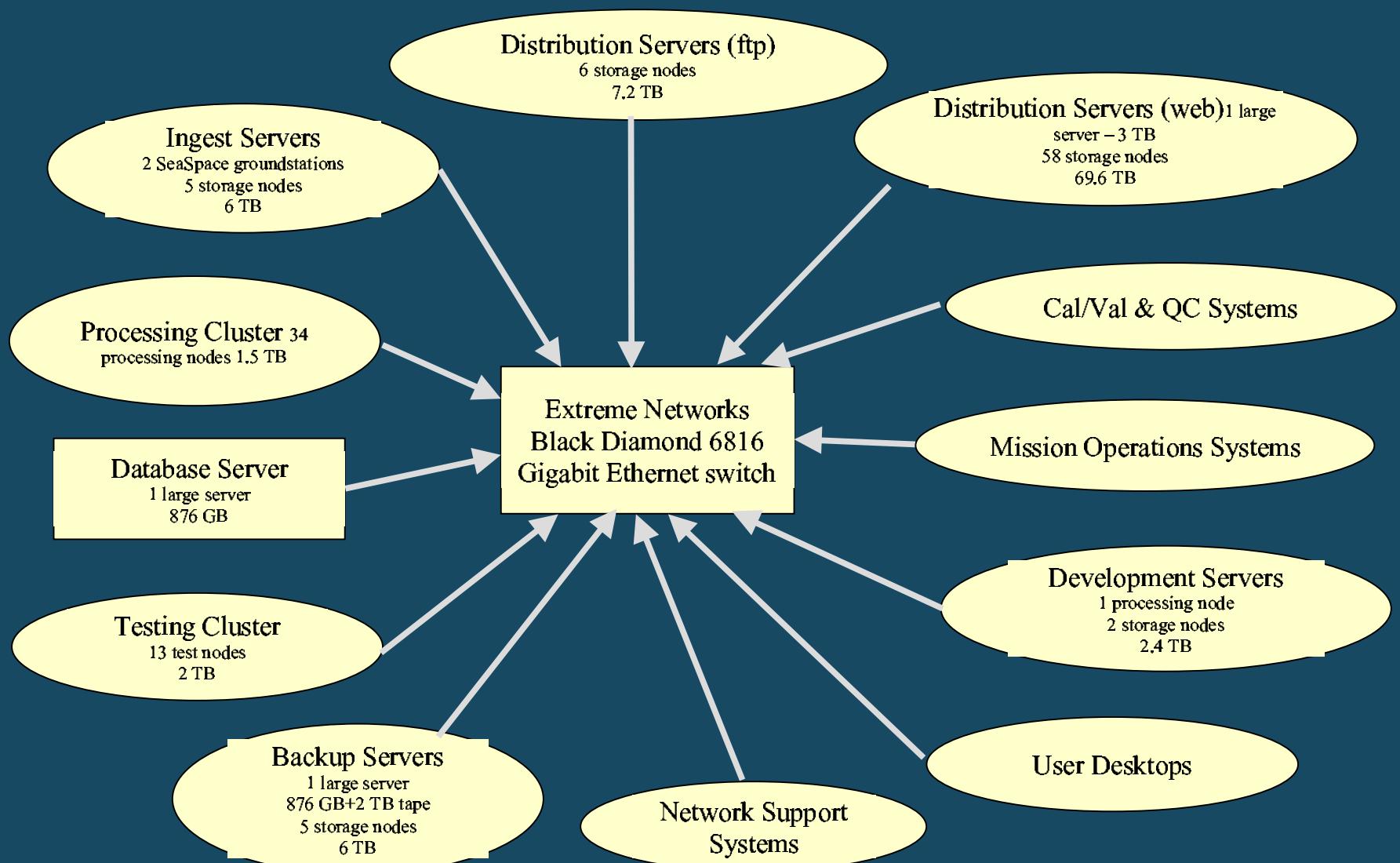
6 G24T3 24 port Gigabit Ethernet modules

4 Hot-swappable power supplies

Operational MODIS-Aqua Data Flow

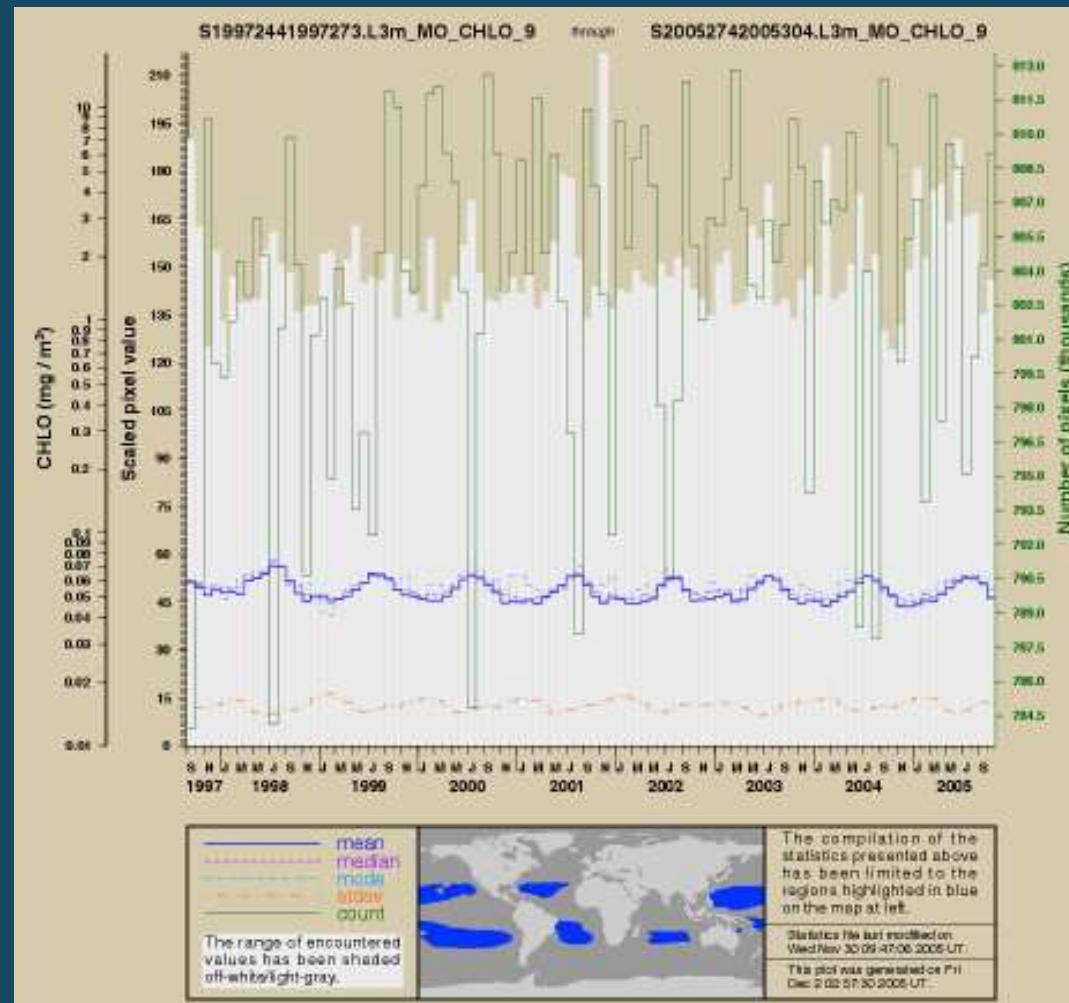


ODPS Data Processing System Current Components



Time-Series Utility

Sensor	Aqua's	Help
Product	chlorophyll-a	
Sampling Period	1997-01-01 to 2005-07-01	



MODIS Direct Broadcast Receiving Stations

